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I. Introduction

1. The Conference on Disarmament submits to the sixty-eighth session of the United Nations General Assembly its annual report on its 2013 session, together with the pertinent documents and records.

II. Organization of the work of the Conference

A. 2013 session of the Conference

2. The Conference was in session from 21 January to 29 March, 13 May to 28 June and 29 July to 13 September 2013. During this period, the Conference held 29 formal plenary meetings, at which member States as well as non-member States invited to participate in the discussions outlined their views and recommendations on the various issues before the Conference.

3. The Conference also held three informal plenary meetings on 4 June and 3 and 10 September 2013.

4. In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure, the following member States assumed successively the Presidency of the Conference: Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq and Ireland.

5. At the first plenary meeting of the 2013 session, on 22 January, the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, delivered a message on behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in which he, inter alia, called for an end to the continued stalemate concerning the work of the Conference to avoid jeopardizing its credibility. The Secretary-General also stated that the Conference, as the single multilateral negotiating forum, was central to disarmament negotiation and strengthening the rule of law in global disarmament. He called upon States to ensure that it lived up to its responsibility and to revive substantive negotiations without delay (CD/PV.1273).

6. Upon the joint invitation of the first President of the Conference, András Dékány (Hungary), and the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, the following dignitaries addressed the Conference: Eduardo Antonio Zuaín, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Argentina (CD/PV.1278); Kudheir Al-Khuzaie, Vice-President of Iraq (CD/PV.1279); Miroslav Lajčák, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic (CD/PV.1279); Luvsanvandan Bold, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mongolia (CD/PV.1279); Khalid Bin Mohammad Al Attiyah, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Qatar (CD/PV.1279); Aleksey Volkov, Deputy Foreign Minister of Kazakhstan (CD/PV.1279); Toshiko Abe, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan (CD/PV.1279); Pham Binh Minh, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam (CD/PV.1279); Urmas Paet, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Estonia (CD/PV.1279); Eamon Gilmore, Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Ireland (CD/PV.1280); Nidal Alkatamine, Minister of Labour of Jordan (CD/PV.1280); Ranjan Mathai, Foreign Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs of India

(CD/PV.1290); Hoshyar Zebari, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq (CD/PV.1292); Valentin Rybakov, Deputy of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus (CD/PV.1297); and Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar (CD/PV.1301). The High Representative for Disarmament Affairs also addressed the Conference (CD/PV.1292).

7. In their addresses, these dignitaries variously expressed support for the Conference, expressed concern about its current situation, called upon the Conference to do its part to advance the international agenda by overcoming its ongoing deadlock, and set out their national priorities for the work of the Conference.

8. The substantive secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament was composed of: Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations; Jarmo Sareva, Deputy Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Director of the Geneva Branch, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs; and Ivor Richard Fung, Senior Political Affairs Officer and Secretary of the Conference on Disarmament.

B. Participants in the work of the Conference

9. The representatives of the following 65 member States participated in the work of the Conference: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

C. Attendance and participation of States not members of the Conference

10. In accordance with the rules of procedure and the decision taken at its 1990 session on its improved and effective functioning (CD/1036), the Conference received and considered requests for participation in its work from 42 States not members of the Conference. Accordingly, the Conference invited the following non-member States to participate in its work: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Jordan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Libya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Namibia, Nepal, Oman, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Serbia, Singapore, Slovenia, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay and Holy See.

11. The following documents dealing with the issue of attendance and participation of States not members of the Conference were submitted to the Conference:

(a) CD/1947, dated 30 January 2013, entitled "Letter dated 23 January 2013 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Turkey addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament regarding the requests for participation in the work of the Conference during 2013 from non-member States";

(b) CD/1949, dated 15 February 2013, entitled "Letter dated 14 February 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament regarding the position of Cyprus on the issue raised in document CD/1947 dated 30 January 2013".

D. Agenda and programme of work for the 2013 session

12. At its 1273rd plenary meeting, on 22 January 2013, following a debate in which the content of the draft agenda presented by the President of the Conference, András Dékány (Hungary), was reviewed in accordance with rule 29 of the rules of procedure, the Conference on Disarmament adopted its agenda for the 2013 session (CD/PV.1273). The agenda (CD/1946) reads as follows:

> "Taking into account, inter alia, the relevant provisions of the Final Document of the First Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, and deciding to resume its consultations on the review of its agenda, and without prejudice to their outcome, the Conference adopts the following agenda for its 2013 session:
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> 1. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament.
> 2. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters.
> 3. Prevention of an arms race in outer space.
> 4. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.
> 5. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons.
> 6. Comprehensive programme of disarmament.
> 7. Transparency in armaments.
> 8. Consideration and adoption of the annual report and any other report, as appropriate, to the General Assembly of the United Nations."

13. Subsequently, the President of the Conference made the following statement: "In connection with the adoption of the agenda I, as the President of the Conference, should like to state that it is my understanding that if there is a consensus in the Conference to deal with any issues, they could be dealt with within this agenda. The Conference will also take into consideration paragraphs 27 and 30 of the rules of procedure of the Conference."

14. Pursuant to paragraph 56 of the 2012 report of the Conference (CD/1944), the last President of the 2012 session (Germany) and the first President of the 2013

session (Hungary) conducted informal consultations during the intersessional period with a view to commencing early substantive work during the 2013 session of the Conference. These consultations were conducted in cooperation with the five incoming Presidents of the 2013 session (India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq and Ireland).

15. Following a discussion at the 1275th plenary meeting, on 5 February 2013 (CD/PV.1275), at the 1276th plenary meeting, on 12 February 2013, the President of the Conference, András Dékány (Hungary), submitted, for adoption, the draft decision on a programme of work for the 2013 session, as contained in document CD/1948 and Corr.1 (CD/PV.1276).

16. At the 1291st plenary meeting, on 21 June 2013, the President of the Conference, Moshen Naziri Asl (Islamic Republic of Iran), circulated a draft decision for the establishment of a programme of work for the 2013 session contained in document CD/1952 (CD/PV.1291).

17. At the 1295th plenary meeting, on 13 August 2013, the President of the Conference, Mohammad Sabir Ismail (Iraq), circulated a draft decision for the establishment of a programme of work for the 2013 session contained in document CD/1955 and Corr.1 (CD/PV.1295).

18. At the 1296th plenary meeting, on 16 August 2013, the Conference adopted the draft decision contained in document CD/1956/Rev.1 submitted by the President of the Conference, Mohammad Sabir Ismail (Iraq), to establish an informal working group, which reads as follows:

"The Conference on Disarmament decides:

1. To establish an informal working group (hereinafter referred to as the Group), pursuant to rule 23 of its rules of procedure, with a mandate to produce a programme of work robust in substance and progressive over time in implementation.

2. That the President of the Conference on Disarmament shall chair the Group and delegate his responsibility to a co-chair who shall carry out consultations on his/her behalf. For the 2013 session, the co-chair and vice-co-chair shall be Mr. Luis Gallegos Chiriboga, Ambassador of Ecuador, and Mr. Peter Richard Woolcott, Ambassador of Australia, respectively.

3. That the Group shall be open to all member States of the Conference on Disarmament and to those interested non-member States that the Conference has invited to participate, as observers, in its work during the 2013 session, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Conference and the decision taken at its 1990 session on its improved and effective functioning (CD/1036).

4. That, in its work, the Group shall use the rules of procedure of the Conference, mutatis mutandis. In particular, the Group shall conduct its work and adopt its decisions by consensus, as provided by rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Conference.

5. That the Group shall meet during the remainder of the 2013 session and its timetable shall be established by its co-chair in consultation with the President. During the intersessional period between the 2013 and 2014 sessions of the Conference, the co-chair, upon agreement by the outgoing

President and incoming President, may convene informal consultations. Such informal consultations shall be open to all members and observers of the Conference, in accordance with paragraph 3 above.

6. That, should the Group not be able to complete its work during the 2013 session, it may resume its work, taking into account the present decision, if the member States of the Conference, in accordance with the rules of procedure, so decide in the 2014 session.

7. That the co-chair shall report to the President of the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of the work of the Group on a regular basis and, at the President's request, to the plenary according to the rules of procedure. The co-chair will submit to the President the final report on the work of the Group. Taking into account, and pursuant to rule 29 of the rules of procedure, the President will draw up a programme of work of the Conference for consideration and adoption."

19. The Informal Working Group held three meetings, respectively, on 26 August and 2 and 9 September 2013. At the request of the President of the Conference, Gerard Corr (Ireland), Luis Gallegos (Ecuador), Co-chair, reported to the 1300th plenary meeting, on 10 September 2013, on the progress of the work of the Informal Working Group (CD/PV.1300).

20. Throughout the 2013 session successive Presidents of the Conference conducted intensive consultations with a view to reaching consensus on a programme of work on the basis of relevant proposals. During plenary meetings, delegations expressed their views on the issue of a programme of work, accounting for relevant proposals and suggestions, which are duly reflected in the plenary records. However, despite these efforts, the Conference did not succeed in reaching consensus on a programme of work in 2013.

21. At the invitation of successive Presidents of the Conference, the Conference held substantive discussions on all agenda items (CD/PV.1281; CD/PV.1282; CD/PV.1283; CD/PV.1284; CD/PV.1285 and CD/PV.1286).

E. Expansion of the membership of the Conference

22. The question of the expansion of the membership of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records. Suggestions were made for the appointment of a special rapporteur on enlargement (CD/PV.1273; CD/PV.1289; CD/PV.1290; CD/PV.1291 and CD/PV.1292).

23. Since 1982, requests for membership have been received from the following 27 non-members, in chronological order: Greece, Croatia, Kuwait, Portugal, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Costa Rica, Denmark, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Cyprus, Lithuania, Ghana, Luxembourg, Uruguay, Philippines, Azerbaijan, Libya, Armenia, Thailand, Georgia, Jordan, Estonia, Latvia, Malta, Serbia, Republic of Moldova and Qatar.

F. Review of the agenda of the Conference

24. The review of the agenda of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

G. Improved and effective functioning of the Conference

25. The improved and effective functioning of the Conference was addressed by delegations throughout the session, in particular in the plenary meetings devoted to the "revitalization of the Conference on Disarmament", which took place on 11 June 2013 and 20 August 2013 on the proposal of the respective Presidents of the Conference, Mohsen Naziri Asl (Islamic Republic of Iran) and Gerard Corr (Ireland). Delegations discussed the current situation and provided suggestions on possible ways to strengthen the Conference. Their various views and concerns are duly reflected in the plenary records of the Conference (CD/PV.1289 and CD/PV.1297).

26. At the 1290th plenary meeting, on 18 June 2013, the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, recalled his past proposals on substantive and procedural aspects that could contribute towards the resumption of substantive work. He also made three additional proposals on the establishment of an informal working group with a mandate to produce a programme of work that would be robust in substance and progressive over time; the establishment of a subsidiary body to examine and make proposals on the improvement of the working methods of the Conference; and the designation of a special coordinator to examine and make proposals on expansion of the membership of the Conference and the possible role that civil society may play in its work. Various views were expressed by the member States on these proposals (CD/PV.1290).

27. On the proposal of the President of the Conference, Mohammad Sabir Ismail (Iraq), two plenary meetings devoted to discussion of the first proposal of the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament were held on 30 July and 6 August 2013. Subsequently, on 16 August 2013, the Conference adopted the decision contained in document CD/1956/Rev.1. The various views and concerns of the member States are duly reflected in the plenary records of the Conference (CD/PV.1293, CD/PV.1294 and CD/PV.1296).

28. The following documents were submitted to the Conference on this subject:

(a) CD/1951, dated 10 June 2013, entitled "Letter dated 24 May 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the report of the seminar, entitled 'Exploring avenues to address the stalemate in the Conference on Disarmament' held on 15 May 2013 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva". The letter noted that the purpose of the seminar was to garner new ideas that could be generated from an open discussion in an informal setting and to contribute to the work of the Conference on Disarmament as well as to the work of producing a programme of work;

(b) CD/1958, dated 9 September 2013, entitled "Bangladesh, on behalf of member States of G-21. Working paper. Method of work of the Conference on Disarmament and revitalization".

H. Communications from non-governmental organizations

29. In accordance with rule 42 of the rules of procedure, a list of communications from non-governmental organizations (NGOs) or their representatives was circulated to the Conference (CD/NGC/47).

30. In line with the decision taken at the 1172nd plenary meeting (CD/PV.1172) to mark International Women's Day, a statement of the NGO Women's International League for Peace and Freedom was read by Beatrice Fihn on behalf of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom at the 1282nd plenary meeting, on 12 March 2013 (CD/PV.1282).

31. Members welcomed the enhanced engagement between civil society and the Conference according to decisions taken by the Conference. During the general debate, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the Conference's interaction with civil society. Their views are duly reflected in the plenary records of the Conference.

III. Substantive work of the Conference during its 2013 session

32. At the invitation of successive Presidents of the Conference, the Conference held a series of plenary meetings to discuss all substantive agenda items.

33. During such discussions and the general debate of the Conference, delegations affirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the agenda items. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

34. The Conference had before it a letter dated 10 January 2013 from the Secretary-General of the United Nations (CD/1945/Rev.1 and CD/1945/Rev.1/Add.1) transmitting the resolutions and decisions on disarmament and international security matters adopted by the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session in 2012, including those making specific reference to the Conference on Disarmament. The latter are listed below:

67/29	Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (paras. 2, 4 and 5)
67/30	Prevention of an arms race in outer space (paras. 5, 6 and 8)
67/34	Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments (para. 13)
67/53	Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices (paras. 1, 4, 5 and 6)
67/56	Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations
67/57	Regional disarmament (para. 1)

67/60	Nuclear disarmament (paras. 16, 17, 20 and 21)
67/62	Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels (para. 2)
67/64	Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons (paras. 1 and 2)
67/67	United Nations Disarmament Information Programme (para. 5)
67/71	Report of the Disarmament Commission (paras. 5 and 9)
67/72	Report of the Conference on Disarmament (paras. 1-9).

A. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament

35. During the general debate of the Conference as well as during the discussions on each agenda item, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

36. On the proposal of the President of the Conference, Sujata Mehta (India), one plenary meeting on agenda item 1, entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament", and agenda item 2, entitled "Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters", with a general focus on nuclear disarmament, was held on 5 March 2013. There was a lengthy discussion on this issue where delegations reaffirmed their respective positions, which are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session (CD/PV.1281).

37. On the proposal of the President of the Conference, Sujata Mehta (India), one plenary meeting on agenda item 1, entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament", and agenda item 2, entitled "Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters" with a general focus on the prohibition of the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices, was held on 12 March 2013. There was a lengthy discussion on this issue where delegations reaffirmed their respective positions, which are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session (CD/PV.1282).

38. The following documents were submitted to tl.e Conference under this agenda item:

(a) CD/1950, dated 21 March 2013, entitled "Note verbale of 20 March 2013 addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament by the Permanent Mission of Cuba, transmitting the text of the Declaration adopted at the Workshop of Cuban Civil Society Organizations on Nuclear Disarmament held in Havana on 12 March 2013";

(b) CD/1953, dated 28 June 2013, entitled "Note verbale dated 25 June 2013 from the Delegation of the United States of America to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the text of the White House fact sheet on nuclear weapons employment strategy of the United States of America dated 19 June 2013";

(c) CD/1959, dated 9 September 2013, entitled "Bangladesh, on behalf of member States of G-21. Working paper. Nuclear disarmament";

(d) CD/1962 and Corr.1, dated 11 and 13 September 2013, respectively, entitled "Letter dated 9 September 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan addressed to the President of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the press release issued by Pakistan's National Command Authority on 5 September 2013".

B. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters

39. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

40. On the proposal of the President of the Conference, Sujata Mehta (India), one plenary meeting on agenda item 1, entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament", and agenda item 2, entitled "Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters", with a general focus on nuclear disarmament, was held on 5 March 2013. There was a lengthy discussion on this issue where delegations reaffirmed their respective positions, which are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session (CD/PV.1281).

41. On the proposal of the President of the Conference, Sujata Mehta (India), one plenary meeting on agenda item 1, entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament", and agenda item 2, entitled "Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters", with a general focus on the prohibition of the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices, was held on 12 March 2013. There was a lengthy discussion on this issue where delegations reaffirmed their respective positions, which are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session (CD/PV.1282).

42. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

(a) CD/1950, dated 21 March 2013, entitled "Note verbale of 20 March 2013 addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament by the Permanent Mission of Cuba, transmitting the text of the Declaration adopted at the Workshop of Cuban Civil Society Organizations on Nuclear Disarmament held in Havana on 12 March 2013";

(b) CD/1953, dated 28 June 2013, entitled "Note verbale dated 25 June 2013 from the Delegation of the United States of America to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the text of the White House fact sheet on nuclear weapons employment strategy of the United States of America dated 19 June 2013";

(c) CD/1959, dated 9 September 2013, entitled "Bangladesh, on behalf of member States of G-21. Working paper. Nuclear disarmament";

(d) CD/1962 and Corr.1, dated 11 and 13 September 2013, entitled "Letter dated 9 September 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan addressed to the President of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the press release issued by Pakistan's National Command Authority on 5 September 2013".

C. Prevention of an arms race in outer space

43. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

44. On the proposal of the President of the Conference, Triyono Wibowo (Indonesia), one plenary meeting on agenda item 3, entitled "Prevention of an arms race in outer space", was held on 19 March 2013. There was a lengthy discussion on this issue where delegations reaffirmed their respective positions, which are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session (CD/PV.1283).

45. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

(a) CD/1954, dated 31 July 2013, entitled "Letter dated 29 July 2013 from the Permanent Representatives of Indonesia and the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the joint statement by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia and the Russian Federation to declare that they will not, in any way, be the first to place weapons of any kind in outer space, signed in Bandar Seri Begawan on 1 July 2013";

(b) CD/1961, dated 9 September 2013, entitled "Bangladesh, on behalf of member States of G-21. Working paper. Prevention of an arms race in outer space".

D. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons

46. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

47. On the proposal of the President of the Conference, Triyono Wibowo (Indonesia), one plenary meeting on agenda item 4, entitled "Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons", was held on 26 March 2013. There was a lengthy discussion on this issue where delegations reaffirmed their respective positions, which are duly recorded in the plenary records of the sessions (CD/PV.1284).

48. The following document was submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

CD/1960, dated 9 September 2013, entitled "Bangladesh, on behalf of member States of G-21. Working paper. Negative security assurances".

E. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons

49. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

50. On the proposal of the President of the Conference, Triyono Wibowo (Indonesia), one plenary meeting on agenda item 5, entitled "New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons", and agenda item 6, entitled "Comprehensive programme of disarmament", was held on 14 May 2013. There was a lengthy discussion on these issues where delegations reaffirmed their respective positions, which are duly recorded in the plenary record of the session (CD/PV.1285).

51. No documents were submitted on this subject during the 2013 session of the Conference.

F. Comprehensive programme of disarmament

52. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

53. On the proposal of the President of the Conference, Triyono Wibowo (Indonesia), one plenary meeting on agenda item 5, entitled "New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons", and agenda item 6, entitled "Comprehensive programme of disarmament", was held on 14 May 2013. There was a lengthy discussion on these issues where delegations reaffirmed their respective positions, which are duly recorded in the plenary record of the session (CD/PV.1285).

54. No documents were submitted on this subject during the 2013 session of the Conference.

G. Transparency in armaments

55. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

56. On the proposal of the President of the Conference, Triyono Wibowo (Indonesia), one plenary meeting on agenda item 7, entitled "Transparency in armaments", was held on 24 May 2013. There was a lengthy discussion on this issue where delegations reaffirmed their respective positions, which are duly recorded in the plenary record of the session (CD/PV.1286).

57. No documents were submitted on this subject during the 2013 session of the Conference.

H. Consideration of other areas dealing with the cessation of the arms race and disarmament and other relevant measures

58. No documents were submitted on this subject during the 2013 session of the Conference.

I. Consideration and adoption of the annual report of the Conference and any other report, as appropriate, to the General Assembly of the United Nations

59. With a view to the growing importance of and need for progress on multilateral disarmament, building on the focused efforts in the Conference on Disarmament to establish a programme of work for the 2013 session and noting the provisions contained in document CD/1956/Rev.1, and with a view to early commencement of substantive work during its 2014 session, the Conference requested the current President and the incoming President to conduct consultations during the intersessional period and, if possible, make recommendations taking into account all relevant proposals, past, present and future, including those submitted as documents of the Conference on Disarmament, views presented and discussions held, and to endeavour to keep the membership of the Conference informed, as appropriate, of their consultations.

60. The Conference decided that the dates for its 2014 session would be:

First part:	20 January-28 March
Second part:	12 May-27 June
Third part:	28 July-12 September

61. The annual report to the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, as adopted by the Conference on 12 September 2013, is transmitted by the President on behalf of the Conference on Disarmament.

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